

Ulysses Out-of-Ecliptic Observations of Interplanetary Shocks

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Ulysses has reached a heliographic latitude of more than 40° , greater than any other spacecraft. It is, therefore, in a unique position to make out-of-ecliptic observations of interplanetary shocks. A large number of shocks have been observed during the approximately 18-month interval since Ulysses left the ecliptic plane. Many forward-reverse shock pairs associated with the interaction of solar wind streams have been observed and the number of reverse shocks has apparently increased significantly as Ulysses has climbed in latitude. We report here on analysis of shocks identified at Ulysses using both magnetic field and plasma data. The results will be compared with theories (e.g., Siscoe, 1976; Pizzo, 1982) emphasizing the three-dimensional aspects of interplanetary shocks.

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